

CARA CAPERS May 1988

The newsletter of the Candlewood Amateur Radio Association

MEETING NOTICE: The next regular CARA meeting will be held on Friday, May 13, 1988, 8 PM at St. Paul's Church, Route 25, Brookfield, CT. This is an important meeting for the plans concerning Field Day.

April recap: The April meeting was run by Bob, NA1N.

Field Day-All the committees are hard at work to make this Field Day the most successful one ever. All plans should be in place asap as there are only the May and June meetings before the BIG EVENT.

SkiTrek- Hal, KB1US played a tape of the UoSAT-11 digitalker supporting the Russian-Canadian Trek across the Arctic ice.

CT QSO Party- Get on the air and we'll 'em.

Newsletter-CARA is in need of a new editor for CARA CAPERS. The April edition was not mailed out due to prior commitments of the editor, but was available at the meeting for anyone that wished to have a copy.

New members: No new members as of the April meeting.

CLUB ON THE AIR EVENT: The weekly roundtable is conducted on Wednesday evenings at 8 PM local time on the 147.12 repeater.

Happenings of the members:

FCC News:

Latest call signs: (April 1 list)

Novice	KA1RUS	KB2FKF
Tech/General	N1FPV	N2IBH
Advanced	KC1IY	KE2FT
Extra	NQ1N	WF2H

Examination Session: The next examination session is scheduled for June 11, 1988 at the Hawleyville Fire House, Route 25, Newtown. Contact either Joe, NM1O or Jean NM1P for more information.

FOR SALE: AEA Packratt 64A with HF modem, asking \$200. Contact: Don, N1EIO, 203-775-3704.

COMING EVENTS:

May 20, 21, 22, 1988: Rochester Hamfest, Rochester, NY.

June 5, 1988: Flea-market, Newington Amateur Radio League, Newington High School, Rte. 173, Newington, CT from 9AM to 2PM. Talk in on 145.45 (W1AW/r).

June 10, 1988: Meeting night.

June 11, 1988: Examination session, Hawleyville Fire House.

June 25-26, 1988 Field Day

No meetings in July and August.

August 5, 1988: Red Cross Swimathon, Public Service Event. CARA has been asked to provide communications support once again. (Raindate: August 12, 1988)

September 18, 1988-CARA FLEA MARKET. NOTE DATE CHANGE! There was a conflict concerning the Elks Hall!!!!

October 1-2, 1988: New England Division Convention, Boxboro, MA.

FILLERS: QSO party logs must be submitted by May 13, 1988! Submit to the club Post Office Box.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT: Don't forget to bring your outgoing DX QSLs for the club QSL service! All you need is to sort your cards alphabetically by prefix,

your last QST mailing label and a contribution toward the postage. With the DX contest season coming up fast those cards and soon stack up. See Craig, N1ABY at any meeting.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: Enough has been said! Get out there and help with those summer plans, projects and activities: FIELD DAY, Red Cross Swimathon, antenna raisings and so forth. Also has everyone touched base with K1EDU to see what you can do to make OUR FLEA MARKET a success! . . . Uff da and 73, Rob NA1O

Notes II: I guess the members need to be reminded that there is a meeting on the second friday of each month, September through June, even if they don't get a newsletter. Fifteen people made it to the April meeting.

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The Candlewood Amateur Radio Association is affiliated with the American Radio Relay League. As such it receives a rebate on each new or renewed membership submitted by the association.

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and the usual bunch that helps fold the copies, hide the stamps, color in the labels and lose the stapler.

Filling in this space,
Postage Rates as of April 3,1988:
Letter Mail 25 cents
 20 each add oz.
QSL Post cards 15 cents

International Rates:

Letter surface:

1 oz	Canada- \$.30
	Mexico- \$.25
	Others- \$.40

Air mail: 1 oz above:	Canada and Mexico as
\$.45	1/2 ounce
\$.90	1 ounce
\$ 1.35	1-1/2 ounces
\$ 1.89	2 ounces

QSL cards:	Canada \$.21
	Mexico \$.15
Other areas	Surface \$.28
	Air \$.36

Note: mail to Canada is now higher due to the difference between the US and Canadian dollars.

CARA needs a new CAPERS editor!

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FIELD DAY '88 UPDATE

Where are we in the planning stages for CARA's field day '88? A preliminary report was to appear in the April Capers, but Murphy struck and it was delayed in mailing.

The newsletter was available at the March meeting at which the turnout was very light. Doesn't everyone remember that the club meets on the second Friday of the month.... anyway, at the March meeting, between two and six members signed up for each of the pre-field day work teams. That's how we're organizing field day this year; you can get involved with whichever activity you like best and work and learn as a team.

EQUIPMENT TEAM

N1ABY is coordinating the equipment team. Craig reported that field day looks like a two transmitter class operation with possibilities for a portable packet operation by Al, K1LTJ.

If you have radio or camping gear to offer, contact Craig and his group. They have been overwhelmed with generator offers! However, transceivers, keyers, SWR bridges, etc. are still needed.

SET-UP TEAM

With information from the equipment team, Marty, KA1HYL and his crew have been working on developing the field day station set-up plans. Check with Marty if you're interested in stringing antennas and setting up stations.

ADVANCE PUBLICITY TEAM

Dan, W1QK and Hal, KB1US report that the first blurb has been released to the Brookfield Parks and Recreation Department's newsletter. Point of sale notices are being developed by an artist for store window displays throughout the area inviting local residents to observe and participate. Check your local shack of radios for the announcements.

Plans are in place to obtain media coverage as well. The Danbury News-Times will be contacted as well as the Brookfield Journal will be invited to write a feature article about Amateur Radio, CARA, and Field Day.

The timing of information releases will be planned for maximum effectiveness.

STATION MANAGEMENT TEAM

If you've signed up for this team, we haven't heard from you as of this writing!

Please be prepared to explain your preliminary operating shift plans to the membership for the two stations proposed at the May CARA meeting. If you don't know who the other members of your group are, contact Hal, KB1US.

PUBLICITY/HOSPITALITY TEAM

This group consists of Lou, WA1GSO and CARA's VE volunteer, Joe, NM1O.

CARA will have the unique opportunity to introduce many visitors and potential novices to our hobby. We'll roll out the red carpet, make them feel welcome and explain what ham radio, field day and CARA is all about and has to offer.

If you'd like to join this group, contact Lou or Joe.

TEAR-DOWN TEAM

The tear-down team needs your help! See Hal, KB1US to volunteer for this chance for glory.

OTHER INFORMATION

The May CARA meeting will be the disaster prevention deadline. We MUST have reports (or even just rough ideas) from each team to assess progress and direct volunteers and resources into the areas that need attention.

Whether you've volunteered or not, you're urged to attend the May CARA meeting so that team interfacing can take place and bugs can be worked out and everyone will be well informed.

This years field day is going to take place in full public view.

If we hope to gather the numerous benefits that we anticipate, everyone should be prepared to participate in an organized manner.

If you havn't signed up yet or haven't been able to commit yourself to a specific field day group, remember all teams are in need of your ideas and support.

Walk-ons will be welcome, but plan to attend the May and June meetings so you'll know what to expect and join in the fun!

De N1ABY, W1QK, KB1US.

CARA FD '88 Committee